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HEREWITH REPEAT OF AMCONSUL DANANG MESSAGE 404 QUOTE

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1. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY POLOFF HUE, THE REGION I ICCS MET IN PLENARY SESSION ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 12 TO CONSIDER THE GVN REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE THE NVA SHELLING OF OBSERVATION POST HELEN WEST OF HUE (REF DANANG 393). BY THE TIME OF THE MEETING, ARVN UNITS HAD ABANDONED THE POST UNDER PRESSURE.

2. THE ICCS CONCLUDED THAT THEIR REQUEST SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO SAIGON WITH A JOINT COVERING LETTER STATING THE ICCS AGREED TO UNDERTAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND THAT THE ICCS CENTRAL SHOULD URGE THE TPJMC TO COOPERATE IN PROVIDING PRG AND GVN LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES.

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EM DURING THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION, THE POLDELL OBJECTED TO A REFERENCE IN THE REQUEST TO THE DRV AND TO MISTAKES OF GRAMMAR AND SYNTAX, DEMANDING A RETRANSLATION WHICH WILL DELAY THE REQUEST UNTIL APRIL 16. THE HUNGDEL URGED NOT TO RECOMMEND AN INVESTIGATION UNLESS PRG AS WELL AS GVN LIAISON REPRESENTATION WAS PROVIDED.

4. POLOFF ALSO REPORTS THAT DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING ICCS DEPLOYMENT TO GIO LINH ARE CONTINUING DESPITE THE HELICOPTER DOWNING IN QUANG TRI, THOUGH THE DEPLOYMENT DATE HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN SET BACK.

5. POLOFF COMMENT: DESPITE THE TIME- CONSUMING INVESTIGATION INTO THE HELICOPTER DOWNING IN QUANG TRI , THE ICCS ACTION HERE WAS FAIRLY EXPEDITIOUS AND SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMMODATED POLDEL AND HUNDEL OBJECTIONS. THE INFORMATION THAT TEAM MEMBERS SOUGHT MORE DILIGENTLY TO FIND AREAS OF COMMON GROUND IN THIS SESSION MAY BE INDICATIVE OF A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT ATTITUDE AMONG POLDEL AND HUNGDEL REPRESENTATIVES AS A RESULT OF THE SHTCK OF THE HELICOPTER INCIDENT APRIL 7. HOWEVER, IT IS STILL EARLY TO JUDGE. END COMMENT.
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